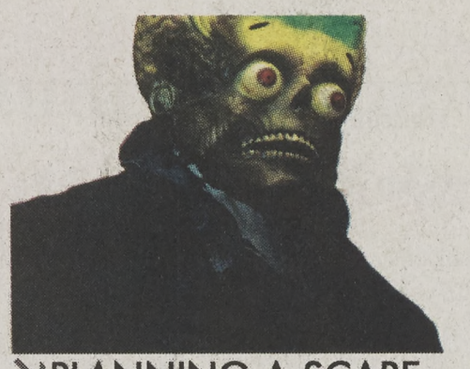


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ASI looks at schedule options

JON ORTIZ
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Alternatives to a controversial class schedule change from a Monday-Wednesday to a Monday-Wednesday-Friday format top the agenda of the Associated Students, Inc. board meeting today at 1:30 p.m. in the University Union's Foothill Suite.

The meeting comes after a special session held Oct. 17 where ASI officials said they have a "Plan B" if Sacramento State President Donald Gerth ignores the recommendations of an ASI task force charged with providing alternatives to his mandate for a three-day class schedule beginning next fall.

"If we realize we were blatantly neglected, there is a Plan B," said ASI Chief of Staff Kevin Greene.

Greene's comment came in response to questions about Gerth's offer to consider ASI alternatives to a plan eliminating 75-minute classes on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 1:50 p.m.

The plan mandates that all three-unit classes held during those "prime time" hours meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 50 minutes per session.

Students voiced concern over whether Gerth reached out to ASI to placate students who complained about their lack of input in the matter.

"I think he made up his mind a long time ago," said one student. "This is a done deal."

Others asked whether ASI has enough time to complete the task. The task force had until Wednesday at 5 p.m. to forward its ideas to Gerth, a deadline he set during an impromptu meeting with ASI 12 days ago.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Shirley Uplinger, Gerthextended the deadline until Friday to allow ASI more time to digest their research and may even postpone the decision further, at the request of ASI President Artemio Pi-

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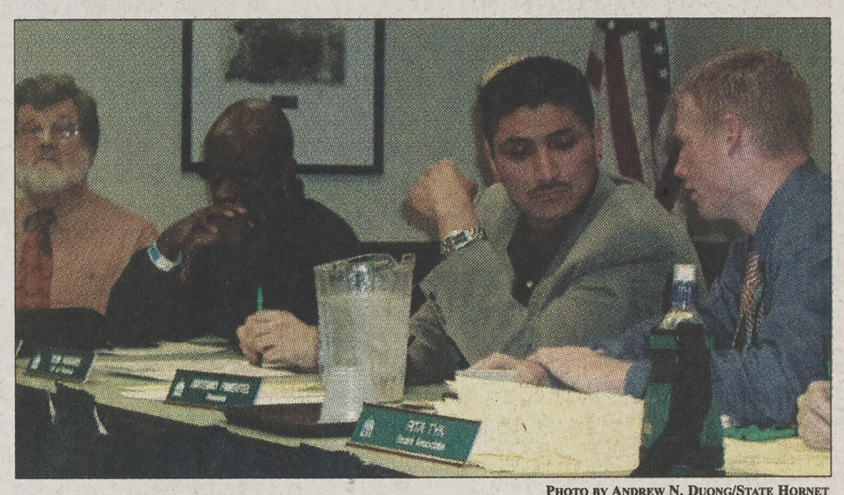


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Paul Noble, left, sits with ASI board members Calvin Davis, Artemio Pimentel and Kevin Greene at the Oct. 17 meeting regarding President Gerth's schedule decision.

STUDENTS PROTEST



PHOTO BY ANDREW N. DUONG/STATE HORNET

A group of more than 20 students clog the hallway outside President Gerth's office in Sacramento Hall Wednesday afternoon.

HORNET DICTIONARY

sit-in (sĭt'ĭn'):
n.
1. An organized protest demonstration in which participants seat themselves in an appropriate place and refuse to move.
2. A form of civil disobedience.

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Students swarm Gerth's office in protest of decision to eliminate Monday-Wednesday class format in fall 2002

LAYLA BOHM
State Hornet

More than 20 students gathered in front of Sacramento State President Donald Gerth's office Oct. 17 to protest his class schedule proposal that would convert many Monday-Wednesday classes to a Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule.

The students held signs and sat outside Gerth's office, protesting the way in which he changed the schedule.

"What he did was go through the motions," said sophomore Micheyl Gardner.

Gardner said she felt Gerth's meeting with Associated Students, Inc. members at his house in September did not give the students enough of a chance to hear about the proposal.

"He did it to cover his bases," said Alicia Romero, a sophomore triple-majoring in psychology, communication studies and English. "It was a sugar-coated way of doing it."

The students were protesting the class schedule change that would convert 75-minute Monday-Wednesday classes between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 50-minute classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"What we're worried about is if we allow him to pull the wool over our eyes, what will he do next?" Gardner said.

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Section of hall opens after scare

Tests show white substance not a danger to students

GREG KANE
State Hornet

More than a week after the discovery of a suspicious substance resulted in the evacuation of the building, Santa Clara Hall re-opened its doors Thursday.

The building was shut down Oct. 10 after a worker in the building discovered an envelope containing a white, powdery substance, a $5 bill and a note with the message "Sleepers will awaken," according to Sacramento Police Officer Dennis Biederman.

Initial tests conducted by the Sacramento County Health Department showed the substance was not anthrax, the potentially deadly bacteria receiving international attention after being mailed to prominent figures and businesses around the world. The common method of delivery for the anthrax has been a white powder included in mailed letters.

Subsequent test results released Thursday showed that the substance was not a biohazardous material, said Frank Whitlatch of the Sacramento State Public Affairs Office.

"They're sure it's not a biohazard," Whitlatch said. "We know it's not anthrax, and it's not a plague."

It is still not known what the substance was, Whitlatch said.

The incident is still under investigation, said Campus Police Public Information Officer John Hamrick. It could have been a prank, or just left accidentally, but there's no way to tell at this point.

"It's hard to say," Hamrick said. "It's too early to tell."

Combined with the current anthrax scare, the incident has campus police and others in the University acting with more caution, Hamrick said.

"We're on an extra level of awareness right now," he said.

Some students said having the scare occur so close to home made them more cautious and aware of what's happening in the rest of the country.

Senior Kristen Spillers said she walked by the building just after it closed and immediately connected it to the anthrax incidents that, at the time, were just beginning to surface.

"I just kind of walked by, and waited to

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Senators question Provost departure

GREG KANE
JON ORTIZ
State Hornet

Sacramento State President Donald Gerth addressed some Faculty Senate members' concerns Thursday regarding his recent actions with the Office of Vice President of Academic Affairs, but steered away from saying why Bernice Bass de Martinez no longer holds the position.

Senate members Sylvia Navari and Juanita Barrena drafted a resolution for the Oct. 8 meeting asking Gerth to explain why Bass de Martinez, who held the position of vice president of Academic Affairs and provost until a few weeks ago, was "placed on administrative leave in such an unusual, abrupt and disruptive manner." The resolution also asked why the University's administrative order of succession had been changed from one in which Bass de Martinez's former office was first in line to succeed the president to a "seniority by years" system.

Though Gerth explained the order of succession, saying the person who would currently serve in his absence is Vice President and Chief of Staff Elizabeth Moulds, he declined to comment on Bass de Martinez, saying he is unable to discuss personnel issues.

"I do not discuss personnel issues, and I assume if I did I'd be fired," Gerth said.

Gerth also responded to a report printed in *The State Hornet* Oct. 17 that noted contradictions in comments made by Gerth and Bass de

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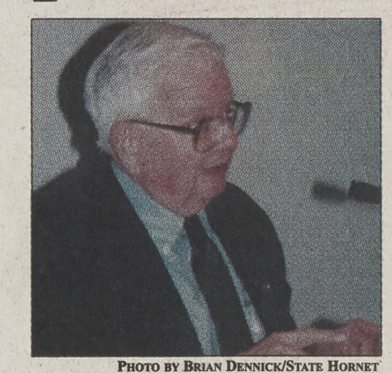


PHOTO BY BRIAN DENNICK/STATE HORNET

President Gerth addressed Faculty Senate members last Thursday.

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Monday, Oct. 15

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
1:24 p.m. Solano Hall — A subject was concerned about an envelope he received at his residence in Rescue, Calif. The subject brought the envelope to campus, where it was checked and opened by an officer.

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT
7:00 p.m. Lot 2 — A subject called regarding a male peeking over the levee at him. The suspect appeared to be Asian and had no shirt on.

Tuesday, Oc. 16

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT
10:58 p.m. Library — A transient was wrapped up in a blanket on the north side of the Library on the second floor. The subject was contacted and advised to leave.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

INCIDENT
10:22 a.m. Off-Campus Location — A woman receiving suspicious e-mails from a Sacramento State student.

INCIDENT
12:47 p.m. Sacramento Hall — Officers were advised of a student sit-in.

Thursday, Oct. 18

VANDALISM
8:34 p.m. Desmond Hall — An unknown subject slashed both tires on the passenger side of a vehicle; a report was taken.

SERVICE
7:46 a.m. University Union — Report of a student with a rapid heart rate. Officers were sent to respond, and the victim was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Friday, Oct. 19

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
1:16 p.m. Amador Hall — A strange envelope with bumps was received. An officer responded to pick up the property.

LOOSE/DANGEROUS ANIMAL
2:34 p.m. Sacramento Hall — A report was taken that chickens on campus attacked two employees.

Saturday, Oct. 20

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/SUBJECT
9:17 p.m. Desmond Hall — A subject was receiving threatening phone calls from her ex-boyfriend.

Sunday, Oct. 21

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES
11:10 a.m. Lot 4 — A large tank was found releasing air or something else. No odor was detected from police, and the area was checked OK.

INCOMPLETE 911 CALLS
1:00 p.m. Lot 8 — Two calls were received from the location and nothing was heard.

ANNOYING E-MAIL
9: 59 p.m. Jenkins Hall — A subject stated that she received five hate e-mails from an unknown person.

Controversial transgender teacher speaks at Sac State

ROSA RIVERA
State Hornet

A former Sacramento-area teacher who made national headlines after undergoing a sex-change operation spoke to a group of Sacramento State students Thursday about the importance of following one's dreams.

Dana Rivers, who in 1999 lost her job as a teacher at Center High School in Antelope after informing the school board she would be receiving the operation, appeared before a group of approximately 150 students in the University Union.

She spoke about her confused childhood, the events which led to her losing her job and how her experiences have made her stronger.

"My story is: Live the life that you want and be who you are and live it to the fullest," Rivers said. "If you do anything after you leave here today, don't let anyone be discriminated against."

Rivers, who was named David Warfield before becoming a woman, said she played house and other traditionally female games as a child, and was confused by other people's insistence that she act more like a boy.

"I was treated different," Rivers said. "Growing up, people singled me out."

Though she outwardly lived life as a man, eventually becoming a successful high school teacher, inside she felt like she was someone else. This led to her decision to become a woman in the summer of 1999.

The school board forced her to resign from her job because they didn't accept her as a transvestite, Rivers said. She claims board members thought she was a "freak," and didn't know how to deal with her.

Rivers' story received national attention, earning her appearances on a number of television programs, including The Oprah Winfrey Show and 20/20 with Diane Sawyer. She was also listed in People Magazine as one of its Most Intriguing Individuals.

Rivers believes that without the support of her family, friends, students and people of the community she wouldn't be here today.

"When I was 33 years old, I found an amazing women named Jane. She helped me understand who I was and to accept who Dana was," Rivers said.

Rivers has moved on with her life and career. This year she was offered a job in the Bay Area as a history teacher, and there are also plans to make a movie about her life.

She said she doesn't miss anything about being a man, because she's now doing everything she wants to do. Her advice to students in the same situation she was in is to not live life being afraid.

Though she no longer teaches in the Sacramento area, she said she will always remember the area as the place where her life truly began.

"Sacramento is ground zero for me," Rivers said. "This is where my life change began."

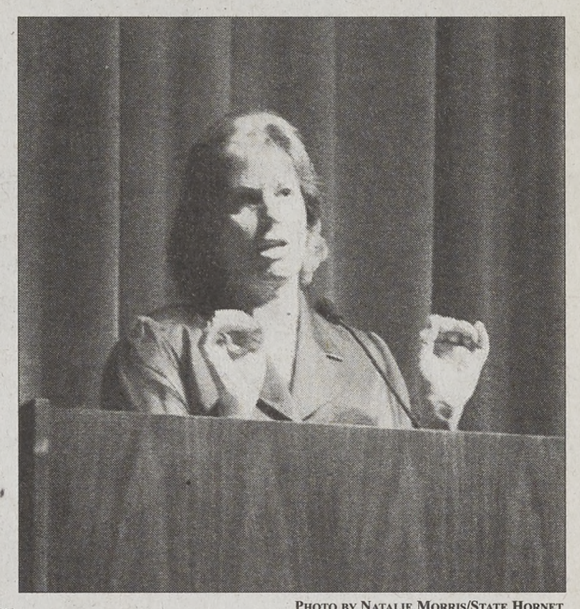


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Dana Rivers speaks to a group of approximately 150 students in the University Union last Thursday.



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Faculty Senate takes on ASI smoke-free campus resolution

NESSA HESSAMI
State Hornet

Associated Students, Inc. President Artemio Pimentel spoke to the Faculty Senate Thursday in support of a resolution requesting stricter enforcement of smoking policies on the Sacramento State campus.

The resolution, which was passed by the ASI Board of Directors Sept. 26, states that many students on campus are uncomfortable around cigarette smoke, and asks administration to enforce regulations already in place regarding use of tobacco at the University. Faculty Senate will vote on the issue Nov. 8.

"We can see by where ashtrays are placed on campus that the policy is not being enforced," Pimentel said. "Ashtrays are placed right next to the doors, instead of 15 feet away where they are supposed to be."

Faculty Senate Chair Bob Buckley commented that the current University smoking policy is similar to California state smoking laws. In 1993, California State University Executive Order 599 prohibited smoking in all buildings and leased spaces throughout the system.

The resolution supported by ASI states that approximately 60 percent of respondents to a study done by the Sociology Department said they were concerned about walking through smoke on campus, and approximately one-fourth said they had an allergy or sensitivity to smoke. It goes on to recommend stricter enforcement of rules and asks the administration to consider the possibility of eventually eliminating smoking on campus.

"I think the resolution is pretty logical. We have presented facts that are concrete ... This resolution basically asks the CSU system to research the effects of a possible smoke free campus, its impact on student life and how it would be effective," said ASI Director of Mathematics and Natural Sciences Luke Wood, who co-authored the resolution with ASI Director of Arts and Letters J.J. Hurley. "We are requesting the campus to enforce the current policy."

Other CSU campuses such as Long Beach and Chico have considered passing similar resolutions, Wood said.

Should Faculty Senate members approve the resolution, it would then be in the hands of Sac State President Donald Gerth, who may choose to hold off before making any decisions, Hurley said.

"If this passes with Faculty Senate, I don't believe President Gerth will act on it immediately." Hurley said.

Students allude to a 'Plan B' if action not taken by Gerth



PHOTO BY ANDREW N. DUONG/STATE HORNET

Students attending the Oct. 17 ASI board meeting regarding the controversial decision to eliminate the University's Monday-Wednesday class format show hands when asked if they would be affected by the decision.

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mentel.

Greene, who heads the task force, did not specify what "Plan B" is, but the comment came minutes after a student-led sit-in protest at Gerth's Sacramento Hall offices. More than 20 students gathered to protest student exclusion from his decision to eliminate the four-day prime-time class schedule beginning fall 2002.

"We all know what I'm talking about," Greene said in reference to "Plan B."

ASI first considered organizing a demonstration after Gerth told Pimentel nearly two weeks ago that he would not reconsider or postpone the schedule change, even though no formal student input was part of his decision.

And that decision was the reason more than 120 students and a handful of faculty members filled Foothill Suite for the special session to see ASI approve legislation charging a student-led task force.

The task force was commissioned to perform research, conduct a student survey and organize a town hall meeting before ASI submits alternatives or requests another postponement.

Students asked if there was time for Gerth to reverse his decision, but Sac State's Vice President of Academic Affairs Paul Noble said delay would hurt incoming students next year.

"Delay is a possibility," Noble said, "but we may have a couple of thousand students who won't thank us when they can't get classes next year."

Other students questioned whether ASI's last-ditch efforts would even make a difference in Gerth's decision.

"I can't say, but I think (Gerth) has to at least take good ideas into consideration," Greene said.

Journalism Professor Michael Fitzgerald suggested that ASI petition Gerth to postpone any decision.

"You guys have been given an impossible task to complete in such a short time," Fitzgerald said. "One alternative is that you ask for President Gerth to delay his decision for a year to allow time for a complete study."

But Noble said the flexible schedule, begun in 1996 when campus enrollment was down, is out of step with the swelling student population and limited facilities of recent years.

Fitzgerald also questioned whether a presidential mandate is appropriate, given the role of deans in the scheduling process.

"My dean has the power to schedule me for a 4 p.m. class. I wouldn't like it, but it could be done," he said.

But Noble said the deans have failed to efficiently use campus class space, necessitating Gerth's move.

"Six years ago, flexible scheduling was allowed on this campus. The deans are not doing the job. Entry level classes are especially overcrowded," Noble said.

Some students agree with Gerth's plan.

"I see this as a way to increase student retention," student Corey Martin said.

ASI to review independent housing proposal today

NESSA HESSAMI
State Hornet

A resolution proposing implementation of an independent housing plan to ease the crunch facing Sacramento State students will be discussed at today's Associated Students, Inc. board meeting.

California State Student Association Representative Brandon Kline authored the resolution to assist the Sac State community with the current housing crunch. The resolution may work in conjunction with State Assembly Bill 1611, which would help establish funds for non-profit organizations such as ASI to build housing.

"We're trying to get apartments, or any other kind of off campus housing," Kline said. "Our ideal plan is to own low-cost apartment style housing. This resolution establishes the mandate for ASI to start looking for potential land. This will be our first step,"

Kline said the project would specifically be an ASI project, and would have no affiliation with the campus' Housing and Residential Life program.

"It's important for this to pass because it gives ASI the opportunity to help the housing problem that we are facing and will face in the years to come," said ASI President Artemio Pimentel. "If we don't do something about this, we will be faced with a serious housing problem in years to come."

If the resolution passes, it would allow ASI to start making plans for potential housing developments, Kline said.

"Hopefully, everything will be planned in a year, so we can get started," Kline said. "I would also like to see the University establish a Greek row. I think it would enhance campus life if we had one."

Pimentel said a project like the proposed housing plan is important for students, particularly due to the recent campus housing shortage.

"We are looking forward to establishing affordable housing for students and making it as accessible as possible for students. We want to make it so students will want to live there," Pimentel said.

In addition to ASI housing plans, Housing and Residential Life has also been working on plans to undergo apartment style housing.

"We did an assesment last year. If all goes as planned, we hope to have apartment style housing where the temporary buildings are located." said Director Cynthia Cockrill. "We would like to have this done by 2005."



Senate members vote down request for Gerth explanation

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Martinez regarding her leave of absence. In a memorandum from the President's Office released Oct. 8, Gerth said Bass de Martinez was taking a one-year leave of absence "at her request," but Bass de Martinez said she had no plans to leave the University before early October.

"I am confused by reports in *The Hornet*," Gerth said. "I think the reporter was confused."

Gerth declined to comment further on what he found confusing in the article.

The resolution initially asked that Gerth answer specific questions regarding Bass de Martinez's departure, but senate members voted down that motion, concluding it was an encroachment on a managerial decision.

"I don't like the tone of the resolution," said senate member Ted Lascher. "The Senate is stepping over the line."

During her leave of absence, Bass de Martinez will continue to earn her $13,000 monthly salary while working with a University-funded program in West Africa. She said she would work with the program from Sacramento, though she may travel to the country in the future.

Bass de Martinez will be able to return to the University as a tenure-track faculty member once the leave of absence is completed, but her administrative positions could be filled by that time. Both she and Gerth declined to say what would happen with the positions.

Ric Brown will replace Bass de Martinez for the remainder of the semester, holding the title of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs in Charge, according to the memorandum issued by Gerth.

Santa Clara Hall shutdown brings recent events home for students

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hear what happened," Spillers said.

Senior Jennifer Stuto said the threat seemed further away when it was happening on the East Coast, but the incident at Santa Clara Hall, however benign, made her think about it more.

"The closer it gets, the closer it seems," Stuto said. "The chances that it could happen to me or (anyone else) increased ten-fold."

Stuto said the idea that something like anthrax could reach the Sac State campus is not as far off as she once thought.

"I don't want it to be true, but it very well could (reach Sac State)," Stuto said. "Anything can really happen at this point."

A contractor found the envelope while working on renovations on Santa Clara Hall. The building was quickly evacuated, and response teams from Sacramento Fire Department and the Sacramento Police Department closed off the area soon after.

The contractor who was exposed to the substance was stripped down and scrubbed as a precautionary measure, said Captain David Whitt, public information officer for the fire department.

Most of Santa Clara Hall was reopened the following morning, but the section where the powder and note were found remained closed until the test results came through.

Hamrick said there is no way of knowing when the investigation will be completed.

Students attend ASI meeting after protest

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The organizers of the sit-in encouraged fellow students to attend the ASI board meeting later that afternoon. A record number of students turned out to the meeting, due in part to the fact that many of them went directly from Gerth's office to the meeting.

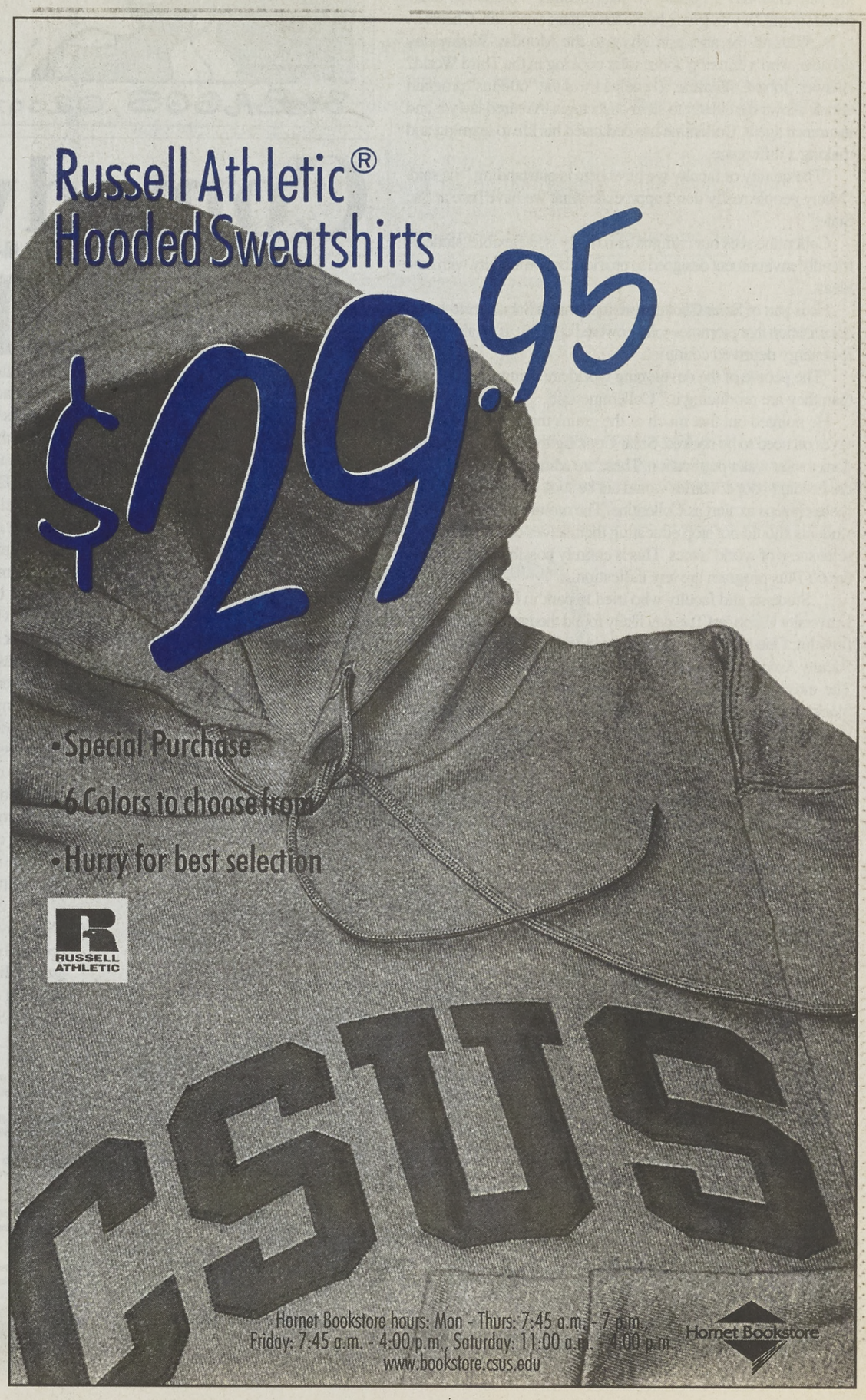
"We want (Gerth) to understand that the students are not OK with it," Gardner said.

The students were very critical of the administration.

"If I ever turn into an administrator, take me out behind the barn and shoot me," Gardner said. "Seriously, if I ever forget where I came from, shoot me."

CORRECTION

The language of President Donald Gerth's memo regarding the departure of former Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Bernice Bass de Martinez does not state that she would be moving to West Africa for one year. She will work on the project from the Sacramento area.



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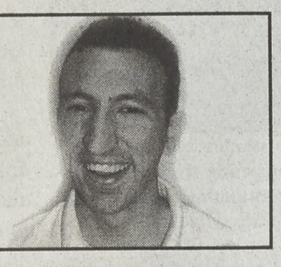
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"Stop the insanity, people."

Andy Fegley on recent protests
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Cheers, President Gerth!



JOSH LEON
OPINION EDITOR

Last Wednesday's Associated Students, Inc. meeting had a rather unusual sight that set it apart from the ASI board's past dull meetings. Students actually showed up to watch. Over 100 to be exact, all crammed in the smallish Foothill Suite. All it took was an ill-advised decision by President **Donald Gerth** to end Monday-Wednesday classes held between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. by next fall.

Considering myself some sort of voice on campus, I chimed in with my own ideas to the crowd during an open forum session. At first, I brought up the usual points that I had been saying all along, that students should put pressure on the president to consider the report that ASI has just recently submitted him. Phone or write his office, I said.

Later, I said an even larger sit-in and constant pressure would force the ear of a president that is far removed from students. This was an opportune time to end my speech.

"Gerth wants us to die," I continued.

I'm afraid my words were slightly misconstrued. I was not issuing a death threat to students on behalf of our elderly president. What I meant was, Gerth wants student pressure to die. That idea I still hold. Student apathy is what Gerth needs to let his half-baked plan pass by un-noticed. Let's hope that doesn't happen. Although Gerth's so called "deadline" for an ASI fact-finding report is Friday, students should keep pressuring him to listen. ASI Chief of Staff **Kevin Greene** should be commended for heading the fact-finding task force in the face of tremendous pressure from Gerth. I'll work on the Freudian slips…

…Supporters of Monday-Wednesday classes shouldn't throw in the towel just yet. Pressure from faculty and students may be having some effect on Gerth, however unintended. Before leaving last Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting, Gerth was overheard saying he was going home for a glass of scotch. Cheers…

…With all the attention given to the Monday-Wednesday debacle, who's thinking about solar cooking in the Third World? Answer: **John Collentine**, a beneficiary of the "60-Plus" program which allows the elderly to sit in on lectures. A retired lawyer and insurance agent, Collentine has dedicated his life to learning and making a difference.

"The quality of faculty we have here is outstanding," he said. "Many people really don't appreciate what we have here at Sac State."

Collentine sees our campus as it really is; a flexible, student-friendly environment designed to provide the community with new ideas.

He is part of Solar Cookers International, a Sacramento-based organization that promotes solar powered cooking as an alternative for energy deprived countries.

"The people of the developing world are using up fuel faster than they are producing it," Collentine said.

He pointed out that much of the grains the Third World survives on need to be cooked. Solar Cooking International also endorses solar water purification. These are admirable causes to take on. Feeding poor countries would not be such an uphill battle with more citizens as alert as Collentine. The moral of his story is that students should not stop educating themselves or lose their consciousness of world issues. This is entirely possible if students in the 60-Plus program are any indication…

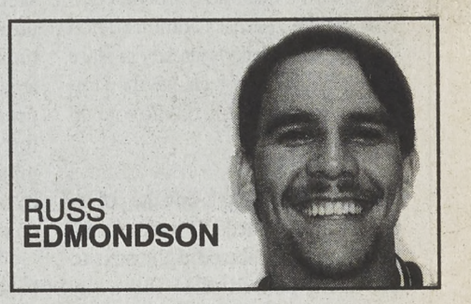
…Students and faculty who tried to park in Lot 6 behind the University Union last Tuesday likely found themselves in the overflow lot. One hundred spaces were blocked off for a California Faculty Association teach-in from 6 a.m. to about 1 p.m. that day. The move was ill-timed, considering the 250 spots that were blocked off near the Union just two days earlier for the construction of a new parking garage. There is a chance these debacles can be avoided in the future, according to Parking and Transportation Manager **Nancy Fox**. Said Fox, "I have made a recommendation to the director of support services **[Ronald Grant]** that Lot 6 not be used for special event parking during this construction period. He has expressed agreement and is moving recommendation forward." Let's hope.

Don't get me wrong. The concerns expressed in the teach-in are important. In fact, they're worth the long walk from the overflow lot. Keep the spaces for students and faculty. They need it.

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Causeway Classic: not as dangerous as last time



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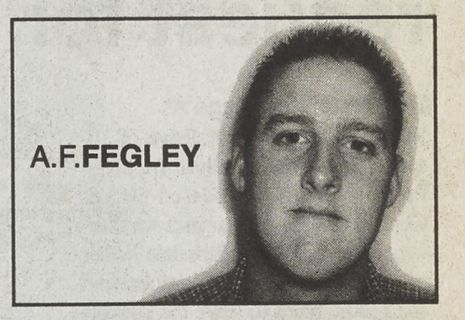
Last week's sit-in at President **Donald Gerth**'s office to protest the cancellation of primetime Monday-Wednesday classes was right on target, but it is too bad the protesters didn't drag more people along with them. If the group of just over 20 students would have marched through the Library Quad with their signs visible, and yelled about their trip to Gerth's Sacramento Hall office, their numbers would have likely grown exponentially.

This issue is odd in that students are fired up about it.

Protesters can make a difference. If enough people get together and rattle Gerth's cage, he may weaken his stance and defer to students' wishes. Fewer than 30 students are not going to get the job done, although it is better than nothing. Add a zero to that figure, and perhaps Gerth will realize that he has pissed off the populous. After all, a man his age can only take a certain amount of organized noise and all-around ruckus. If we piss Gerth off and make our presence known, he will try to do whatever he can to make sure these embarrassing situations do not escalate or repeat themselves.

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Get out of political spirit, into DVD



A.F.FEGLEY

Students are protesting. Teachers are having "teach-ins." Stop the insanity, people. Since when did we step into a time machine and dial up 1969? The recent sit-ins at President **Donald Gerth**'s office remind me of the scenes from Berkeley shown in history classes. All we need now is for tie-dye to rear its ugly head and we will become our tree-hugging parents. I could understand the protests if we had some real issues to get up in arms about, but this is ridiculous. So what if there are talks of canceling Monday-Wednesday classes? School is still in session. The moment our education is hindered by a policy set forth by the University, we should get upset. But for now, our classes are still being implemented and our education is continuing. I suggest that all of the people involved in these petty displays of chest thumping step down from their soapboxes and go study or watch a movie…

…Speaking of watching a movie, have you seen a DVD lately? It seems that movies are being released on DVD as fast as they leave the theater. This week saw the release of "Star Wars: the Phantom Menace." I happened to see this fine piece of cinema and was immediately im-

↘ **FEGLEY:** Page A5

Comedy of errors

President Donald Gerth's decision to end primetime Monday-Wednesday classes was the result of a flawed process. It shows. Extra time will be needed to adopt a more enlightened policy.

The elimination of Monday-Wednesday classes at the hands of President Donald Gerth caused a student uproar that shocked the administration and even took our elected officials at Associated Students, Inc. by surprise. Gerth and ASI were finally awakened to student concerns after a rash of student complaints and critical chalk graffiti around campus. The deadline for ASI to submit an alternative to Gerth is this Friday. We believe Gerth is obligated to listen.

Gerth rammed his so-called "proposal" through a committee of administrators and faculty — but no students — after just two meetings, claiming a deadline for fall 2002 scheduling. Fact-finding for the new policy was woefully inept. The statistics claimed by the ad-hoc committee are being disputed. The expected 25 percent increase in lecture space that Gerth is trumpeting is false, according to the communication studies department, which said that figure is a mere 4.5 percent. Departments have also complained about the loss of important extended lectures offered by Monday-Wednesday classes. Gerth's decision also failed to take into account the impact on Tuesday-Thursday classes. Most unforgivable, however, is the lack of consideration for students who must work on Fridays. The final decision was an ill-conceived debacle.

When ASI President Artemio Pimentel finally voiced opposition to Gerth's decision-making process, he remained in favor of Gerth's decision. This put ASI in a precarious position. A failure to support Monday-Wednesday classes sends a simple message to Gerth: involve students next time.

The debate over the decision itself must continue. ASI should demand that the decision be postponed for at least a year. In the past week, ASI has worked diligently to provide student input to Gerth. More time is needed. New long-term fact-finding committees should be set up that are independent of the administration and involve students. Gerth failed to conduct adequate research for a fall 2002 schedule change; let him aim for 2003.

The State Hornet believes that a University-wide policy canceling primetime Monday-Wednesday classes is the wrong approach. Some departments have successfully maximized lecture space through distance education and alternative scheduling. Gerth should let them continue their work, and provide incentives for lagging departments to follow their lead. The current decision is misguided. We hope ASI does not give in.

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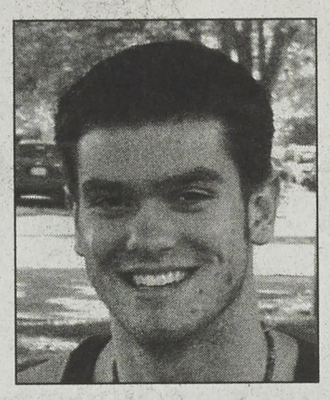
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CAMPUS QUOTES

Do you fear terror attacks on campus?

On location in the Residence Halls

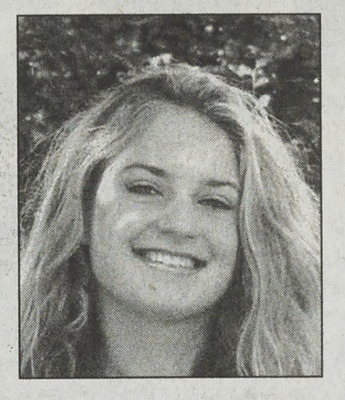
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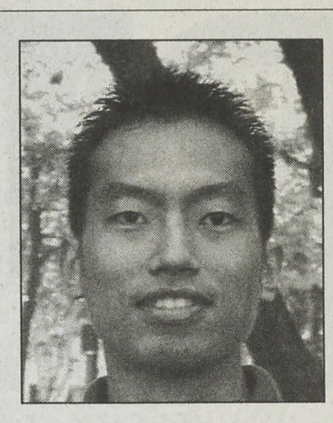
"I fear the food in the Dining Commons, that's about it."
Chris Jones
Sophomore
Undeclared



"No, who's going to want to attack Sac State?"
Suhk Sandher
Freshman
Computer Science



"I feel like we're a pretty secure campus."
Tori Burnette
Freshman
Biology



"We should not let terrorists affect our normal lives."
Peter Camino
Senior
Computer Engineering



"No, but I think there are some pranksters who might threaten us."
Cassie Illa
Freshman
Biology

■EDMONDSON: From page A4

Students are fired up about the Monday-Wednesday scheduling controversy and appear to be ready to take action. The protesters had the right idea, but it could have been so much more.

Another thing that students on campus are always fired up about is the Causeway Classic, and it's only three days away. So what if the Hornets are struggling a bit, and were recently blanked by winless Montana State? The Aggies are coming to campus, and history has shown that students, yes even students at Sacramento State, will show up in droves and actually care about a student event.



Students here seldom vote and usually run away from campus faster than Gerth can change the class schedule. But this game is a sure thing, Sac State will be rocking on Saturday night.

Things are a little bit different than the last time UC Davis rode their cows into Sacramento for some pigskin scuffling. In 1999, there was a death in the parking lot outside Hornet Stadium, and some things got rowdy among the 20,000 in attendance inside the gates. Largely because of that melee, Gerth changed University policy that restricted student drinking to within designated areas, where people can't get a decent view of the game. So if your style is to enjoy the rivalry with a couple of brewskies in you, do it before or after the game, because Saturday is all about the game itself. A win would be sweet for Sac State and a loss would ... well, that would suck.

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■FEGLEY: From page A4

pressed. Not only is the movie worthy of watching several times, but the extras — which include an in-depth look at fight scenes — on a second disc were incredible.

Having a higher capacity than a normal compact disc, DVDs are able to have more bells and whistles that mesmerize viewers. Adding to the crisp picture and better sound is the ability to be interactive. No longer are movie buffs slaves to the fast forward button. The interfaces, sometimes alone worth the buying price, allow the viewer to browse freely through the goody-rich disc.

With the recent surge of DVDs to the market, it is probably safe to unplug your BETA player and hook up a DVD player. Canhers In-Stat business wire says, "The DVD market has grown from nothing in 1996 to more than 28 million units expected to ship worldwide in 2001 and will exceed 60 million in 2004." Give it a couple more years, and we can use our VCRs for shotgun fodder.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the life span of the DVD, the experts are certain that this technology will be around for a while.

"Right now, particularly with all the success of DVD, there's no rational need to develop a next generation," says **Mike Fidler**, senior vice president for DVD marketing at Sony Electronics.

Why does this sound like a sales pitch? My theory is that if more people buy DVD players, the price of them will go down, therefore making it possible for me to buy one. The salary of an English major at Sacramento State leaves much to be desired.

So, what have we learned from Uncle A.F. this week, readers? We learned that DVD is good, and superfluous pontificating is bad. For all of the students who feel it necessary to hoot and holler about who-cares-what, feel free to buy a new DVD player. That way you can retire your milk crate and step on top of your old VCR.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poly want students

I find the actions of President Donald Gerth in regards to lack of student consultation un the decision to end primetime Monday-Wednesday classes disgusting. However, it is not just the fact that students interests are ignored, it is the fact that Gerth, along with other campus representatives including myself, served on a committee last year that was to provide direction to the California State University Board of Trustees in terms of the need for student input into the University decision making process. This committee's work was completed and adopted by the Board of Trustees as a policy. The policy states:

"Recommendations and positions developed by the campus representative student bodies will be given reasonable consideration by campus presidents."

"The presidents will provide these officially recognized associated student body organizations an opportunity to offer opinions and make recommendations about campus policy and procedures that have or will have an effect upon students."

From what I have seen, your president needs to follow the intent of the policy he worked on and agreed to. He needed to listen to the students prior to having made a decision. It is not enough to say, "I am sorry." Gerth needs to take action that will remedy the situation. I don't think a task force of just students is going to remedy the situation either. Gerth needs to slow down and start over and involve all individuals as the policy so clearly calls for.

Sam Aborne
ASI President,
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Alternatives to war

In our current tragic global situation, I would like to suggest some alternative policies to those now in place.

1: Mount a peace offensive. Send massive humanitarian aid, medicine, food, field hospitals, yurt housing and construction equipment, etc. 2: Mount a dedicated diplomatic campaign with all countries in the region of Afghanistan to get their agreement to set up these humanitarian aid stations on Afghanistan's borders. There is drought and famine. These people have been at war for over 20 years. Millions are going to starve. We could be part of the solution, bringing relief and hope to millions. 3: Mount a concerted international effort to interdict Taliban/bin Laden funds wherever they are found globally.

Gregg M. Campbell
Professor of history

A double standard

In *The State Hornet*, I skimmed the news and read the campus quotes. One young man's opinion caught my eye and made me draw back for a moment In answer to the question concerning whether or not we should bomb Afghanistan he replied, "Yes, because they attacked us first." I want to center the focus of this to him and to others who share his opinion.

Afghanistan did not attack us in any form. A terrorist did, a terrorist no worse then Timothy McVeigh. They have the same mind set as do most fanatics, but Osama bin Laden has no more to do with the government of Afghanistan than Timothy McVeigh did with the United States.

Granted, the government of Afghanistan is harboring a world fugitive, and I am not in any form saying the leaders of that country are right, but why are we warring against a whole country for a man that is not even an Afghan citizen?

When they caught McVeigh for the Oklahoma City bombing, I do not recall anyone arresting his family or friends from kindergarten, but the bin Laden family went into seclusion because they feared retaliation. I do not remember any talk of bombing Ohio because McVeigh once lived there and someone harbored him. So why are we bombing a small, destitute country with no viable economic structure?

Jacqueline Britton
Senior,
History/Ethnic Studies

Daily debacle

Hello, University Transportation and Parking. I would like to thank you very much for assisting me in missing my class. Because the University is so diligent in keeping the daily parking permit machines in order, I was not able to attend class today. The car that I drive daily was in the shop, and I realized after I left it that I forgot my parking permit inside.

"No problem," I thought. "I'll just buy a daily permit."

What a joke. I know the daily permit machines in the Parking Structure are basically big yellow decorations that serve no functional purpose whatsoever. They have not dispensed a daily permit in years, but I was quite sure that the machine right at the front of the school, by the information booth, would be of use to me.

I was wrong. To my dismay, the machine was out of order. I thought, "I'll just try the machine behind the Union, right around Lot 6." That one was out of order too. What am I supposed to do? Drive around the entire campus, praying that one of those stupid machines is in order?

I don't know why it is so hard for a University to either keep the permit machines working for more than a single day out of the academic year, or install more machines.

I decided to miss my class because I would get a ticket for parking without a permit, and frankly, it's not worth it to provide such a dysfunctional department of the University with any more revenue from my tickets.

Strati Vourakis

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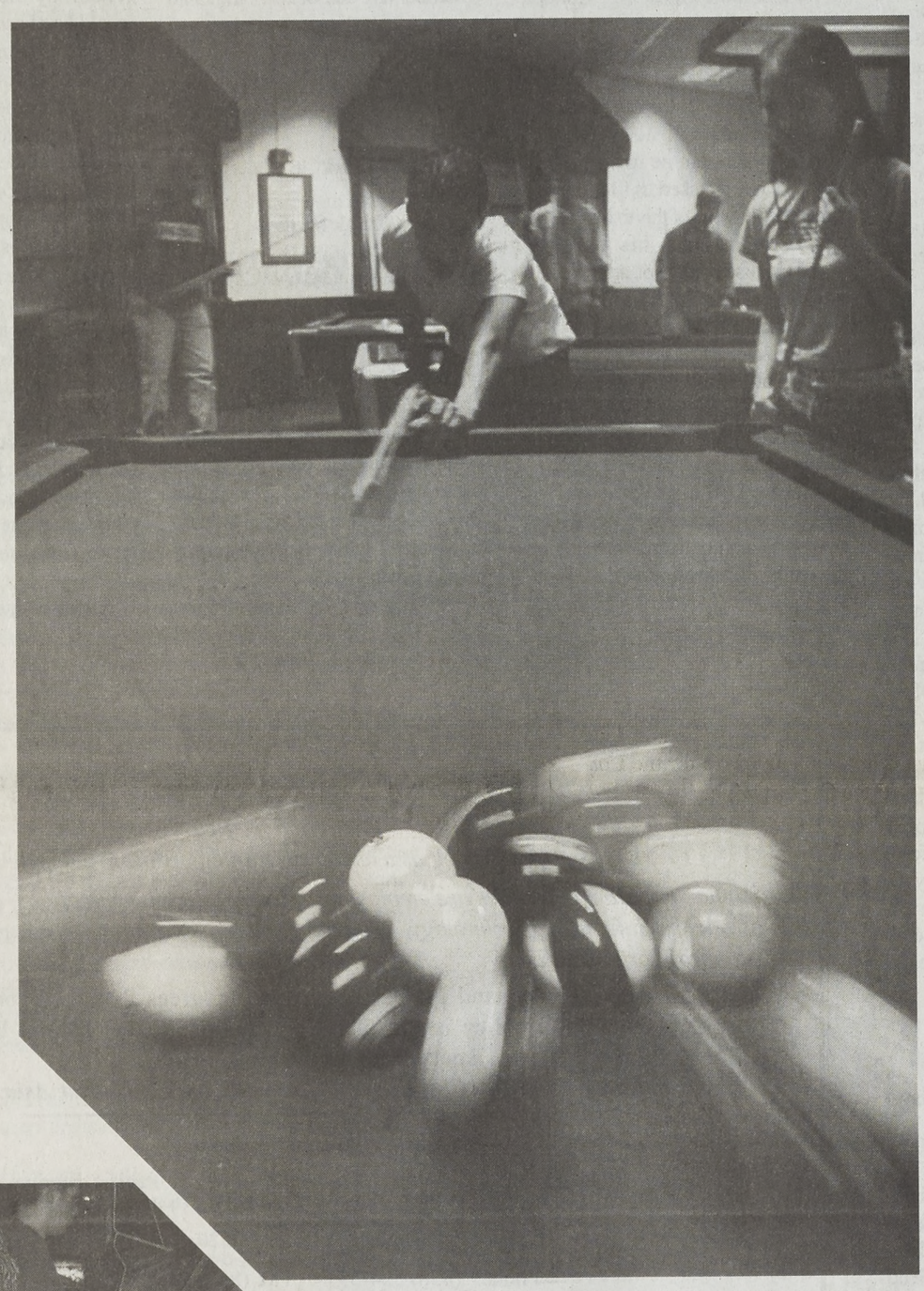
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GAME ON



"It's cheap fun and it beats studying or writing essays."

-Tyler Reynolds, Student

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Students play pool, video games and ping pong in the Games Room.



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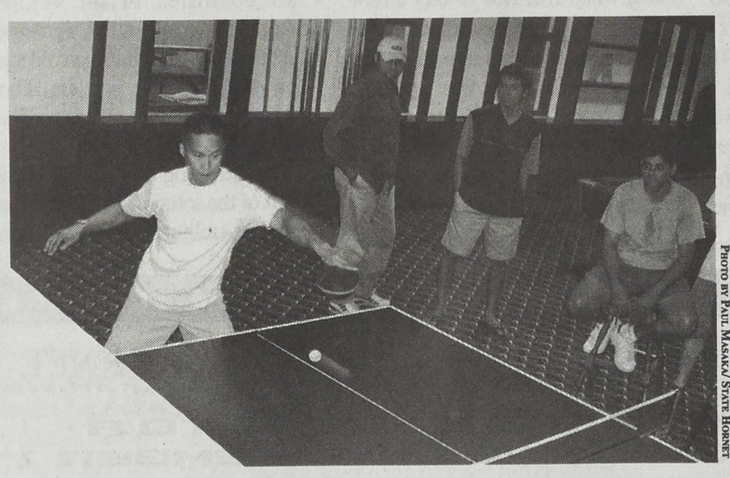


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RYAN FLATLEY
State Hornet

The familiar sound of an open palm slapping against an arcade game console, the deep green felt on a pool table, the pinging and ponging from a table tennis match — these are the sights and sounds of the Games Room at Sacramento State, located directly across from Java City on the first floor of the University Union.

For over 20 years, the Games Room has provided students with a safe and problem-free atmosphere in which to have fun — the one exception being the removal of the foosball table because of constant mini soccer ball thefts.

Every day, dozens of students visit this recreational hub and amuse themselves with the room's activities.

"I come here because it's a place where I can just hang out with friends and have a good time," student Mike Yu said.

The Games Room offers students a wide variety of video games, two ping pong tables and, at $4 an hour, one of the cheapest pool games in town.

"In here, you get some pretty good pool players," Yu said. "There's some people who you can tell know their way around a pool table."

The Room also puts on tournaments for eight-ball and nine-ball pool, ping pong and video games.

While a great deal of the business comes from regulars, other students can feel free to come in and have fun.

"The Games Room is open for organizations and clubs as well," said Norma Sanchez, the Program Services Supervisor for the Union who oversees the Games Room.

Funding for the Games Room comes from the University Union; the money that the room makes is used for running and maintaining the facilities.

Sanchez said the Games Room tries to adjust the games to meet the changing tastes of the students.

"We try and rotate the video games as often as possible, but the games that the students want are usually the games that everyone else wants," said Sanchez, who has to beg the vendors in order to get the newest and most exciting games for the students.

And when the popular games do come in, there is often a line.

The convenience and easy nature of the Games Room is one of the draws for students like Tyler Reynolds.

"It's just kind of a cool way to kill time in between classes," Reynolds said. "It's cheap fun and it beats studying or writing essays."

Although at this point it is just a dream, future plans for the Games Room could include a bowling alley, but the Union has several reservations about the cost and space of such an ambitious project.

Upcoming events include an eight-ball tournament on Nov. 2, a video game tournament on Nov. 16 and a nine-ball tournament on Dec. 14. Students may stop by the Games Room for more information and details on how to sign up.

The Games Room also takes suggestion from students so that they can keep the entertainment fun and interesting. Suggestions can be given in the designated binder, or they can be dropped in the suggestion box in the University Union.

Second City performs tomorrow

JUSTIN HOEGER
State Hornet

UNIQUE Programs will bring touring comedy company The Second City to Sacramento State's University Union Ballroom Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The 42-year-old Chicago-based company blends sketch comedy, songs and improvisation in its shows and has been home to such well-known comics as Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Martin Short, Shelly Long and Mike Myers. The company, established in 1959, operates three national touring troupes and has theaters in Chicago, Toronto and Detroit.

"We had them here about a year and a half ago," said Dean Sorensen of UNIQUE. "They were very funny; everyone had a great time. We're really excited to have them back."

Tickets are $10 general, $7 students, and are available at Central Ticket Office or Tickets.com. For information, call 278-6997.



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The Second City comedy company stops off at Sac State on Thursday.

Women learn to fight back

STACY TAMORI
State Hornet

When was the last time you saw a mother teaching her daughter how to hit and scream?

Today at noon in the University Union Ballroom, women will be taught self-defense methods to protect themselves. UNIQUE Programs and Associated Students, Inc. Cultural Affairs are joining forces with Women Escaping a Violent Environment to educate women in self-protection.

Midge Marino, founder and instructor of the self-defense course at Sacramento State, presents this free event. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate regardless of age, gender or physical conditioning. The presentation will demonstrate basic and common sense skills involved in fighting off an attacker.

According to Jessica Higgins, community educator for WEAVE, 65 percent of women who fight back against their attackers escape, which should give hope and inspiration to women everywhere.

"It helps women gain confidence in being able to take care of themselves," Higgins said. "It lets them know that they have the power to fight back, and that an attack is never their fault."

Information regarding a preview self-defense course that will be offered on campus by Marino Nov. 19 from 5-8 p.m. will also be available at the presentation. This course will be open to Sac State students, faculty and staff.

Halloween around town

CRYSTAL M. CLARK
State Hornet

If you are having trouble getting into the Halloween spirit, hop on your broomstick and go visit a local costume shop. They are filled with festive supplies sure to get your creative juices flowing.

Evangeline's, located at 113 K St. in Old Sacramento, has three floors filled with costumes. If you can imagine it, they probably have it.

Prevues, at 2417 K St., has a costume stylist on duty and offers one-of-a-kind costumes and vintage clothing.

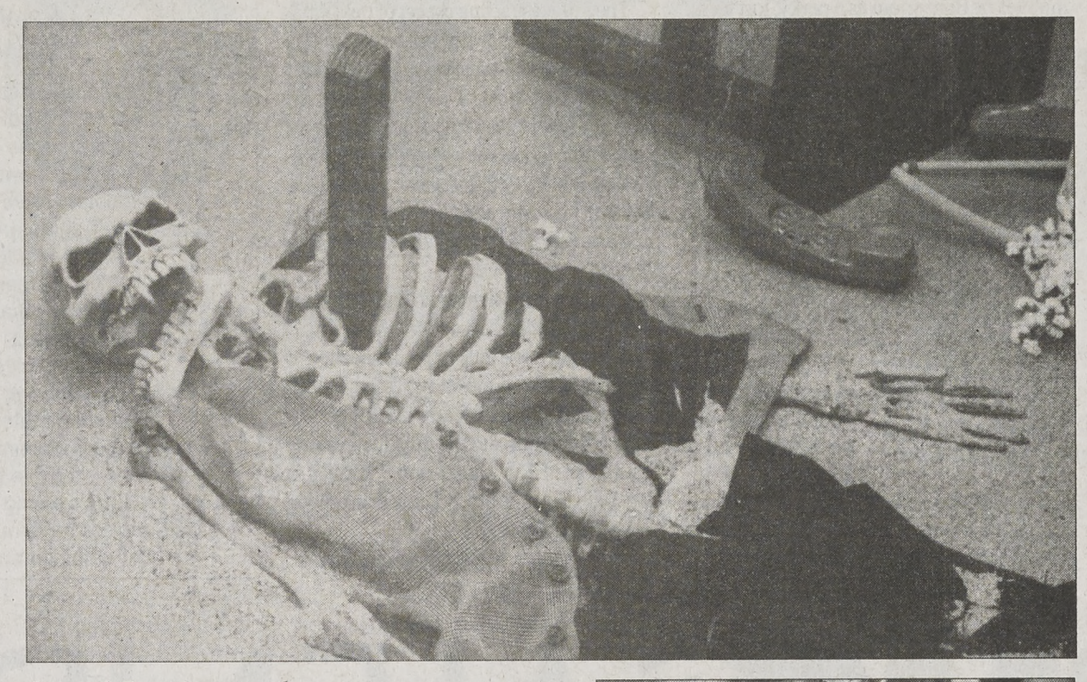
The Halloween Superstore, at 3541 Arden Way., is a one-stop Halloween shop. In one visit, you can get your costume, party decorations and some extra creepy-crawlers to scare your roommate.

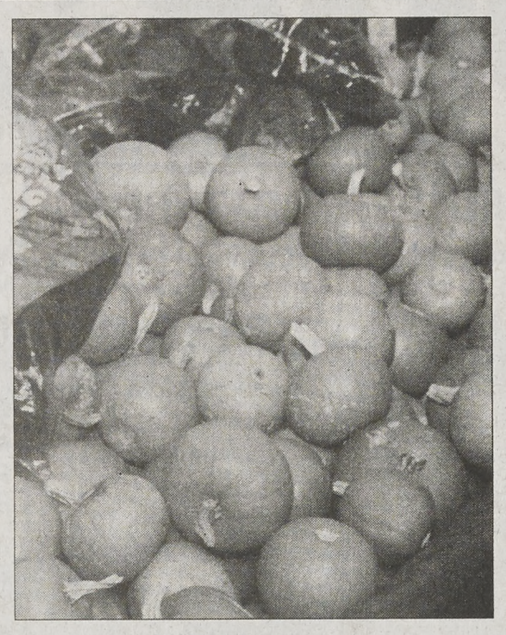
Not quite ready to select the perfect costume, but still looking for some Halloween activities? Try the Walk-In Coffin Haunted House at Country Club Plaza on Watt Ave.

This haunted house is put on by the Sacramento Metro firefighters and benefits the Firefighters Pacific Burn Institute, the Sacramento County Association of Reserve Deputy Sheriffs and Best of Broadway.

"The haunted house will make people jump, but reality right now is lots more terrifying than fantasy," said Greg Bullock, a 20-year-veteran firefighter. The haunted house opens tomorrow night and will run through Halloween night. Admission is $10. For more information, call 974-6280.

Want to walk through a real cemetery? Tomorrow night at 7 p.m., a "Moonlight and Mayhem" tour will be held at the Old City Cemetery. The tour begins at 10th St. and Broadway and costs $5. Reservations are required; call 448-0811 for details.





Above: Spooky skeletons lurk in the Walk-In Coffin Haunted House at Country Club Plaza. Proceeds from the haunted house will go to benefit local firefighting and police agencies.

Right: Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are available at the Old Sacramento Pumpkin Patch as well as the Gibson Ranch Pumpkin Patch in Elverta.

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Visiting a pumpkin patch can provide much needed comfort after midterms. Wandering through rows of pumpkins big and small gives you a chance to reminisce about your childhood days.

Gibson Ranch in Elverta offers everything needed for a wonderful pumpkin patch visit: pumpkins of all sizes, hayrides, train rides and furry little farm animals. Parking is $4. The patch is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Old Sacramento's annual celebration of October includes a scarecrow contest, pumpkin patch, crafts, fortunetellers and spooky excursions on haunted trains. Festivities are held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays until Halloween.

Since Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year, there are parties planned for the weekends before and after the holiday.

This Saturday night, 100.5 FM "The Zone" is hosting the Annual Exotic Zone Ball at Cal Expo. Tickets are $20 in advance and $28 the day of the event. There will be a chance to win $5,000 in the costume contest, which includes a new lingerie category. This year "The Zone" is expecting around 10,000 people at this scandalous, sexy and wildly fun event, so get your tickets early and save $8.

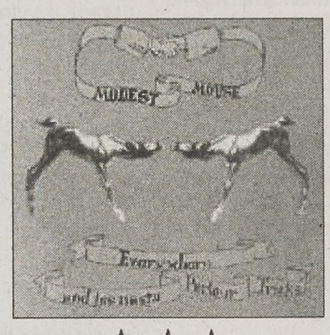
Halloween doesn't have to end on Nov. 1. Polly Esther's on Arden Way will be hosting a Halloween Bash the Saturday after Halloween, Nov. 3. The bash includes a $500 prize for the Costume Contest winner.

Three fine mice

Why the band few know is worthy of ears

REVIEWED BY JASON BRETZ
State Hornet

Their name does not strike a chord of recognition in most people. They have released four full-length albums and several singles since the mid-1990s with the help of independent label Up Records. Still, Modest Mouse has found only a minor level of success.



☆☆☆

Last year, music critics marveled over their first project with Epic Records, "The Moon and Antarctica." Since their move to a major label and the success of last year's release, the three-piece band has been touring and trying to find what direction to head in next. The answer is in their new EP, "Everywhere and His Nasty Parlour Tricks."

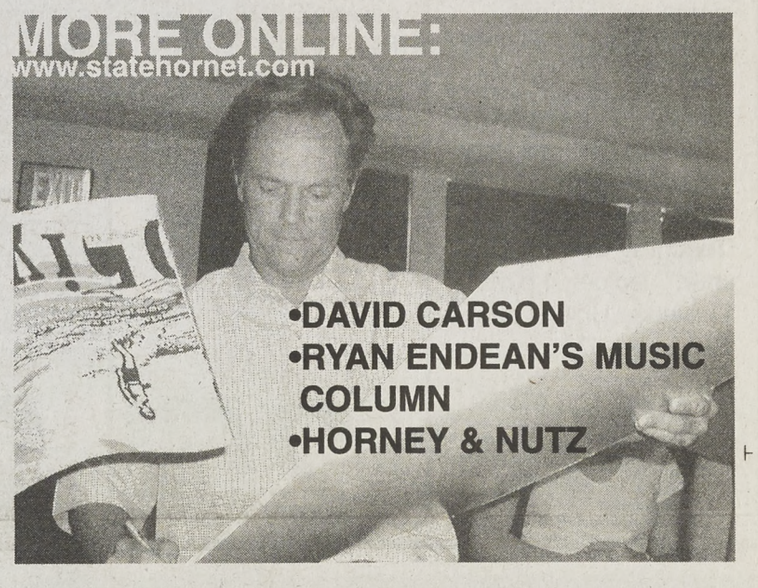
The new album is only eight tracks long, but it brings three new studio songs, four songs from their vinyl-only release "Night on the Sun" and one twisting instrumental, "The Air," that revisits several songs from last year's album. The project creates a sort of liquid folk sound that is reminiscent of Beck without either the use of a drum machine or an endless supply of metaphors that don't make any sense.

This album is driven by a basic, passionate use of acoustic guitar that gives life to the many themes that blossom from within the songs. The first track seduces open ears with a slow melody, while the whispering lyrics explore the confines of blind faith. The album continues to hit high points with the dark anthem "Night on the Sun," and with the acidy vocal layering of "3 Inch Horses, Two Faced Monsters."

The truly special piece of this album is "Here it comes," which uses lines like "Now we're drownin' in birthday cakes, here it comes" to examine the unavoidable life and future that seems to haunt all of us.

This album generates a familiar, relieving sound for Modest Mouse fans and, amazingly, it creates those same feelings for Modest Mouse virgins. This band isn't being broadcast on MTV. This band isn't being played on popular radio. But, this band definitely belongs in your CD collection.

Star ratings out of a possible four.





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'Riding in Cars' lacks drive

REVIEWED BY JASON BRETZ
State Hornet

MOVIEREVIEW

A story of a pregnant teenager, her painfully disappointed parents and her idiot husband does not carry much value in mainstream film anymore. A story of lost dreams, sacrifices, and forgiveness carries even less. The strange thing about Penny Marshall's "Riding in Cars With Boys" is that it contains all of these aspects of a film narrative, and somehow manages to carry nothing.

The film tells the true story of author Beverly Donofrio, played by Drew Barrymore. After Bev experiences ultimate humiliation at the hands of the football hunk that she is infatuated with, she meets high school drop-out Ray Hasek (Steve Zahn), who is instantly willing to risk personal harm to defend his new love interest. The couple finds teenage happiness that comes to an abrupt, adult end with an unexpected pregnancy. Cornered in by her father's broken heart (brilliantly conveyed by James Woods) and a passionate proposal from Ray, Bev agrees to begin a life that will not produce the future that she wants. The story traces the growth of her son Jason, the destruction of her dreams and the drug and alcohol abuse that haunts her husband.



COURTESY PHOTO

Steve Zahn and Drew Barrymore team up in the comedy "Riding in Cars With Boys."

It sounds compelling enough. The problem is that the film fails to establish the most basic principle of storytelling: the audience needs to care about the characters. After a few minutes of Barrymore as a perky, lost teen, there is no reason to express any concern over where she might end up. As Zahn's character enters the story, there is a feeling of hope. Zahn has successfully driven many films from a supporting role, but here the dumb, lost Ray is even too difficult for Zahn to carry through. The blank stares and closed body language that Zahn uses in an attempt to convey Ray's internal struggles look more like exercises in an acting class.

The truly distracting aspect of this film is the comedy-drama feeling that it attempts to create. Instead of tragedy being sprinkled with light moments of comic release, the tragedies themselves try to carry a level of comedy that undermines the impact of important scenes. Child neglect, child abandonment and drug addiction are apparently funny to Penny Marshall and screenwriter Morgan Upton Ward.

The film is brought to an end with tears and emotions that seem to fall from several angles, but have little or no connection to the experiences in the story we have been told. Despite an effectively hurtful performance by Woods and the truly tear-jerking separation of Ray and Jason, "Riding in Cars With Boys" is barely better than driving your car off of a cliff.

Star ratings out of a possible four.

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The End of Parking Lot 4 (As We Knew It)

By Mark Wallinder

There's too many students, not enough teachers,
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The end of the weekday Friday hay day
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'Cause the T-shirts are cooler than feathery blouses,
And it should come as no surprise
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Teach-in is given so class is dismissed
To teach taxpayers and public the professors are pissed.
10,000 commuters daily speed for a place,
Their homework can never keep up with the pace.
And now they've fenced off Parking Lot 4 —
Gerth's giving birth to parking galore.
(Math majors have numbers like ten to the seventh,
But nothing can equal September 11th).

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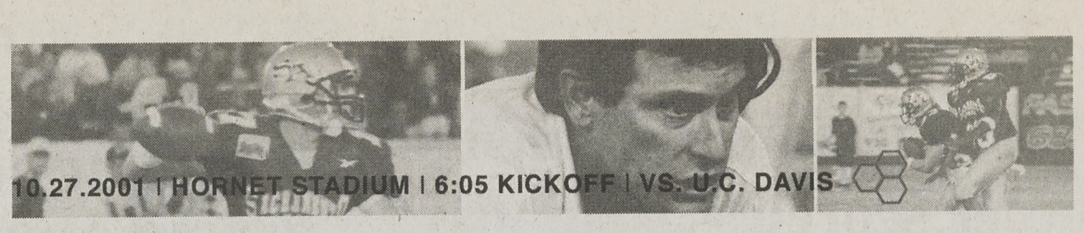
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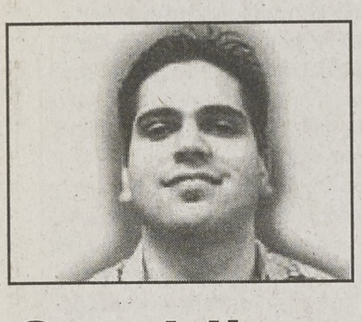
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Gambling, NCAA sports — don't bet on it

DAMIAN LIMA
State Hornet

What are the odds that a broke, frozen burrito eating student-athlete will take the money in exchange for some shaved points?

Who knows for sure, and that is were the problem lies.

Hey, those Tina's Burritos are good, but they are no match for a filet mignon. NCAA athletics are a multi-million dollar business, and the product (student-athletes) doesn't get a dime of the action. Sure, Division I athletes get a full-ride scholarship that includes an invaluable education for free and allowance to pay for food and board.

But this money is like a single grain of sand in a sandbox, not to mention the fact that in agreement with the scholarship, they can't have a job for some extra cash.

Most of the time, these athletes can't even afford to go to a movie. Then imagine all of a sudden getting offered a few grand in exchange for a favor.

The temptation undoubtedly exists; therefore, gambling on college athletics should be banned completely. Sorry, Pete Rose.

In today's gambling world, anything from total points in a game to how many points the favorite will win by is gambled upon. Points are the payoff, not just win/loss results.

So it is not a case of some greasy bookie approaching a college athlete and asking him/her if they will throw the game in exchange for a large amount of money. Now, the technique is much smoother.

Student-athletes are now being approached by their peers and asked to just "shave" some points. Don't throw the game, just let the opposing team score a few "worthless" points late when the contest has already been decided.

No harm done.

This is exactly how it went down at Arizona State University back in the mid-1990s. Kevin Pendergrass, a former Northwestern University football player, approached a few members of the Sun Devils men's basketball team and convinced them to set up point shaving incidents in exchange for $1,000 payoffs.

The athletes aren't criminals as much as victims used by the free labor profiteer, the NCAA.

College athletics are the purest form of competitive sports today, and the threat of corruption takes away the purity.

Gambling threatens the integrity of college athletics, and once that is lost, the public trust is lost along with it. Professional sports lost their purity a long time ago, and college athletics are all America has left.

Besides, how could college athletics possibly benefit from gambling? It can't.

So bet on a horse or a dog, don't bet on a college athlete who probably has

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Hornets have the 'Wright' stuff

Jayme Wright leads Sac State volleyball team to sweep of Weber State in first-place battle

KEVIN A. KORNEGAY
State Hornet

It was supposed to be a battle for Big Sky Conference supremacy, but Friday night's volleyball match against Weber State turned out to be a rout.

Sacramento State defeated the Wildcats 3-0 (30-23, 30-28, 30-22) to claim the top spot in the Big Sky Conference and left no doubt that they have become the team to beat.

The Hornets remained red-hot after yet another sweep of Idaho State Saturday at Hornet Gym.

"We're the best team in the conference, no question," junior Jayme Wright said.

Both teams seemed very loose at the outset, but it was the Hornets who demonstrated poise, confidence and timely offensive play throughout the match.

"We felt we would win all along and we never panicked, even when they made a run," Wright said. "We played smooth volleyball tonight, and this was a giant step in our goal of a championship."

Wright led the onslaught for the Hornets, hitting a team-high .459 and adding a match-high of 19 kills.

Wright also contributed defensively with a team-high of 13 digs.

"Jayme had her 'A' game tonight,"

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Senior outside hitter Kelly Voeltz (9) slaps a blast past Weber State blockers Holly Montano (9) and Michelle Smith (14).

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Former Sac State student, Sacramento Kings dancer heads new dance troupe

JEFF BOONE
State Hornet

While attending a sporting event on the Sacramento State campus, not only will you see athletes challenging the opposing team, but you will also see young women performing, trying to get the crowd involved. The Xtreme Dance Team performs at volleyball matches, football games and soon will be at basketball games.

But don't get the dance team confused with the cheerleading team, which also attends Sac State sporting events.

According to the Xtreme Dance Team's coordinator Monique Chilcutt, wife of former Sacramento King and NBA journeyman Pete Chilcutt, there are definite differences between the two performance teams.

"There is a huge difference. We do dance routines, they (cheerleaders) do cheer and stunts. We are more like a song leader. We cheer as well as dance," Chilcutt said.

This season marks Chilcutt's first year as coordinator of the dance team. But do not get this team confused with The Stinger Girlz. That was last year's team. With Chilcutt's arrival came a new name and a fresh start.

"It's way more organized," senior Lisa Silva said, referring to Chilcutt's

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Volleyball continues winning ways vs. Bengals

RONALD GAFFUD
State Hornet

Sacramento State's volleyball team lengthened its winning streak to a season-high seven matches after cruising past Idaho State University Saturday at Hornet Gym.

The Hornets dominated the first two games, winning 30-13 in the first and 30-19 in the second game. The Hornets managed to squeeze out a win in the third game with a score of 30-26.

"We knew we could beat them," said senior Tasman Dwyer. "We were beating ourselves, by making some mistakes."

Sac State held the advantage in every statistical category in the match from kills (59-28), hitting percentage (.381-.085), assists (52-23) and digs (51-39).

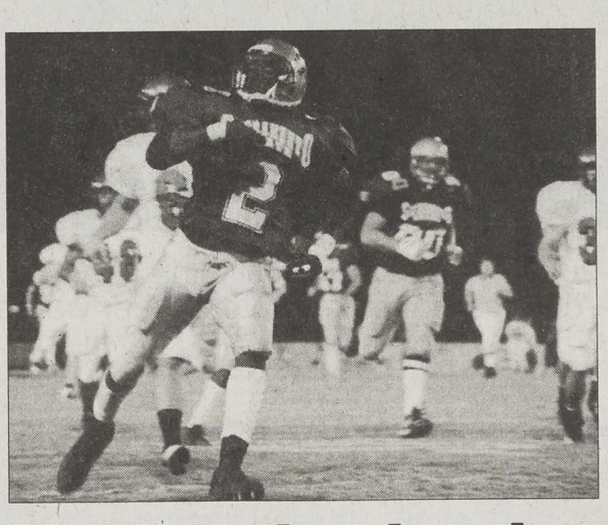
The victory gives the Hornets an 8-1 standing in the Big Sky Conference, with an overall record of 14-5. The Hornets have swept six teams and won 21 consecutive games since their last loss to No. 15 ranked University of Pacific late in September.

The Hornets took the No. 1 spot in the conference sweeping Weber State University on Friday.

Sophomore Lisa Beauchene and Dwyer led the Hornets with 14 kills apiece.

Jayme Wright finished with nine kills and a team-high 15 digs. Senior

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Sac State's Camron Mbewa (2) races downfield for the end zone after blocking a punt. Mbewa finished with 14.5 tackles.

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Chatman, Eastern Washington lights up football team in OT win

KHALED DASTAGIRZADA
State Hornet

Sacramento State's football team's home game against Eastern Washington came down to a final play in overtime on Saturday.

The Hornets, down 42-35, faced a fourth-and-two situation.

The visiting Eagles lined up looking for the rush as Hornet quarterback Ryan Leadingham received the snap and attempted a short pass to the flats.

But the ball was batted down by an Eastern Washington defensive lineman to seal the victory for the Eagles.

Despite the loss, Sac State coach John Volek was pleased with the effort put forth by his team.

"We showed more than life. We took it to the fifth quarter," he said.

In similar fashion last season, the Hornets defeated Eastern Washington with a field goal with no time remaining. Unfortunately for Sac State, the victor Saturday night was Eastern

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Volek looks elsewhere for offensive production

KHALED DASTAGIRZADA
State Hornet

Sacramento State's football team dropped its last game to Eastern Washington University 42-35 in a close, last minute battle that demolished any hope the Hornets had for a playoff birth.

However, the game for the Hornets included several details that made the day for many, despite the loss.

Sac State head coach John Volek was very impressed with the Hornets' performance, especially from the defensive end.

Many assumed a blowout victory for the Eagles with their No. 1 ranked defense in the Big Sky, but the Hornets put up a fight that came down to the last play and almost put the game t a 42-42 deadlock.

Even though Saturday's war was lost, the Hornets won many battles, mainly due to Volek's offensive changes prior to the game.

Three Hornet offensive-team members took advantage of their starts, each scoring for the first time in their stints with the program.

Even defensive back Camron Mbewa notched his first score of his Sac State career.

Freshman fullback Kendall Riley got more playing time and scored his first career touchdown in the first quarter of the game.

That wasn't all for the youngster. He finished the game off as the Hornets' leading rusher with 113 yards on 21 carries and a total of two touchdowns.

"I had a lot put on my shoulder this week," Riley said. I had to produce, and I came through."

Sac State went up 14-0 in the second quarter when junior tight end Russell Gardner scored his first touchdown on a 15-yard pass from quarterback Ryan Leadingham.

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SPORTS BUZZ

Sacramento State's women's soccer team dropped its first Big Sky Conference match with Friday's 4-0 loss to the University of Montana.

For details, see page B2

'No excuses' for women's soccer scoreless road loss

HILLARY GATLIN
State Hornet

Sacramento State's women's soccer team returned home with a 4-0 road loss to the University of Montana Friday.

The defeat brings the Hornets' record down to 5-7-1 and 3-1 in the Big Sky Conference. Montana currently has a record of 5-6, 1-2 in the conference.

The Hornets were outshot by the Grizzlies, despite sophomore goal keeper Amy Seely's 13 saves.

Montana's Erin Smith scored the first goal for the Grizzlies in the 30th minute of the game. Heather Olson scored in the 43rd minute, giving the Grizzlies a two-point lead at the half.

Montana continued to dominate as Tammy Hartung scored in the 49th and Olson tallied her second goal of the game in the 76th minute of the match.

The Hornets fought through cold, wet conditions but claimed there were "no excuses" for the loss.

"We had a defensive breakdown," said head coach Sandra Asimos. "We all had different energies going on the field."

The Hornets plan to put Montana in the past and focus on their future games. Last season, the Grizzlies eliminated the Hornets from the conference semifinals, 5-0.

There are only four games left in the 2001 season, two of which are Big Sky matches.

"This week, we are regrouping," Asimos said.

Sac State will be on the road again and will go up against Weber State University on Friday.

The Hornets beat Weber State last year and hope to repeat that victory this year.

The Hornets will take on the Idaho State University Bengals Sunday, their final Big Sky match of the season. The game starts at 1 p.m. at the Hornet Soccer Field.

Men's soccer sets team record with MPSF draws against Frenso State, San Jose State

SARA RATHBUN
State Hornet

Sacramento State men's soccer had a bittersweet weekend as they tied both California State University, Fresno and San Jose State on the road, 1-1 and 0-0, respectively.

The Hornet now hold the program record for most extra periods at seven, previously held by the 1992 team with six.

Sunday's empty tie at San Jose, 7-5-1, proved to be a challenge for Sac State. The Hornets were outshot by the Spartans 10-5 in the first half.

The Spartans were the 2000 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation champion and held an 8-0 conference record in the same season.

The Hornets anticipated a tough game on the road and worked to prepare for their encounter with the reigning conference victor.

"They had a better first half, but we regrouped at halftime," Sac State head coach Michael Linenberger said. "We really played well and got a hold of the game."

The second half was a different story for the Hornets as they came back and almost matched the Spartan shot count, 9-10. Sac State has scored 11 of 14 goals this season in the second half.

"The good thing is it means we are in every game," Linenberger said. "We're just missing that something."

The tie gave Sac State a 2-6-4 record and 1-1-2 in the MPSF Conference.

The tie still gave the Hornets one point in conference scoring. The past two meetings for the 2000 Sac State team resulted in two losses by a spread of three goals.

"We felt we deserved a win and a tie at least," Linenberger said. "But we prevented the other team from getting three points as well."

Fresno State was a different atmosphere for the Hornets. Almost all of regulation dwindled down before lighting the scoreboard.

Sac State outshot Fresno 6-4 in the first half and 10-3 in the second half, but could not put the ball in the back of the net.

"We dominated the majority of the game and we were very confident it was going to go for us," Linenberger said. "It doesn't always work out that way."

In the 82nd minute of play, Bulldog Forrest Smith had an open attempt on Sac State senior goalkeeper Leo Marin, making the score 1-0.

The Hornets struck back in the 89th minute. The team's leading goal scorer, Sean Luigs, converted on a breakaway past Fresno State goalkeeper Jeremy Proud to send the game into overtime.

Sac State senior Luigs now has a team-high of four goals.

"Luigs is the guy we expect to carry the majority of the burden," Linenberger said.

Sac State entered into yet another overtime period, but could not pull through for the win.

"We could have put the game out of reach," Linenberger said. "We're just not scoring goals."

The Hornets are now 1-6-1 against Fresno State since the team became an NCAA Div. I team in 1992.

The only win was at Fresno State last year.

Sac State now has four games left before the MPSF Tournament, three at home at Hornet Stadium.

"We are excited going into the final stretch," Linenberger said.

This week, they will encounter University of New Mexico on Friday at home and are back on the road at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on Sunday.

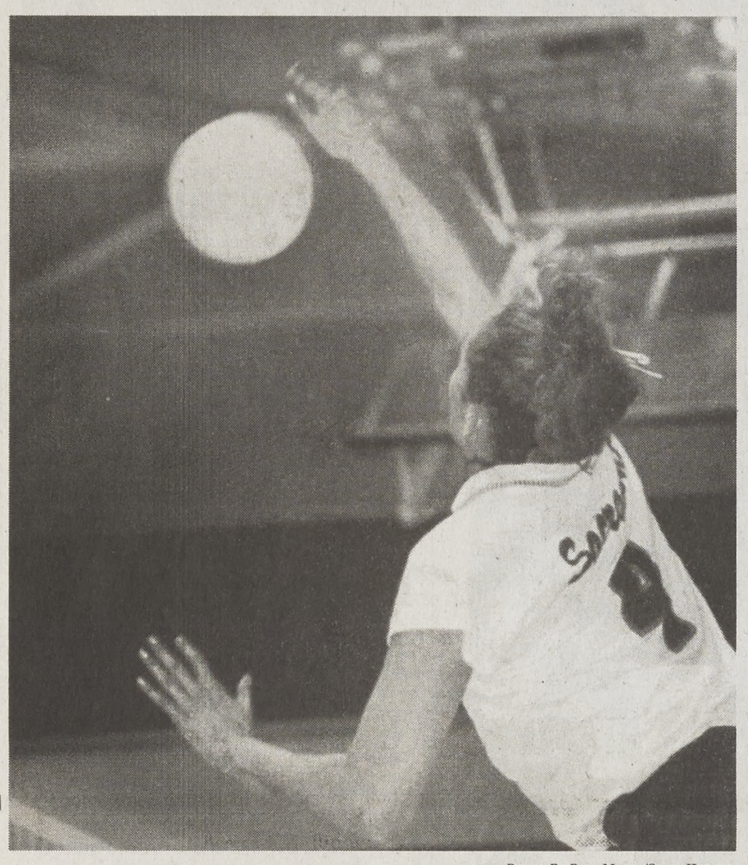


PHOTO BY PAUL MASKA/STATE HORNET
Hornet outside hitter Jayme Wright extends for the kill against Weber State.

Big Sky high

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head coach Debby Colberg said. "She didn't miss anything tonight, played well on both ends and she was really a rally breaker."

Wright received plenty of help as the Hornets hit .292 for the match. Senior Alison Gahr chipped in with 11 kills while hitting .421 and sophomore Kazmiera Imrie added 10 kills and nine digs. But it was Wright's timely offensive and defensive efforts that led the Hornets.

The match started off close, as neither team could grab a lead larger than three points until a timeout was called at 16-13.

Weber State coach Al Givens saw a momentum shift and tried to stop it. The timeout didn't help as the Hornets pulled away from the Wildcats, winning 30-23.

Game two was much the same. Both teams held a small lead twice, neither able to pull away from the other until another timeout started a run.

This time, coach Colberg stopped the action and the Hornets went on a 4-0 run after.

"That was just to remind the team of the game plan," Colberg said. "We forgot what we wanted to do right after I told them. And I thought we were making the easy plays way too difficult."

Sac State eventually won game two, 30-28, after a furious run by the Wildcats. Down 26-19, the Wildcats gained momentum and cut the lead to 29-28. Sac State won the last two points of the game to take the second set.

The final game was simply no contest, as Sac State showed no signs of letting up. Weber State jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but that was quickly gone.

The Hornets found a weakness in the Wildcats' service-return defense in Stephanie Kropushek.and worked on it, grabbing a lead and pulling away for a 30-22 win.

"On film, we saw that she was their best return player," Colberg said."But tonight she accommodated us and she really couldn't get out of her rut, so we kept working the serve to her side."

The Hornets now stand alone atop the Big Sky Conference, but Colberg warned all is not safe.

"We can't afford to get too far ahead of ourselves," Colberg said. "We beat a very good team offensively and defensively, but there is always room for improvement. It's too long of a season to be thinking championship now."

Hornets dominate Idaho State at net

■ **SWEEP:** From page B1

Kelly Voeltz had five kills and 11 digs. Sophomore Kazmiera Imrie contributed with 10 kills and four digs, and Alison Gahr added seven kills and seven digs.

Complementing the 14 kills were Beauchene and Dwyer's hit percentages.

Beauchene had a percentage of .706 and Dwyer finished with a .700 hit percentage. Imrie had a hit percentage of .500 and Alison Gahr had a hit percentage of .778.

Head coach Debby Colberg said the team is in great shape, but still has areas to improve. She said the team has a strong offense, but needs to work on its blocking.

"We came back (in the third game) because of timely errors from the other team," Colberg said.

Now that Sac State is on top, every game is more important.

"Hosting the Big Sky Conference is very important to our success this season," said Beauchene.

Colberg said the team is barely ahead in the conference. It will be a tight race ahead with Montana State University, Northern Arizona University and Weber State trailing closely behind them.

Dwyer said her team has a lot of confidence and great chemistry and if the team is focused and works hard it should win.

Dwyer added that the team shouldn't take their opponents too lightly.

"They don't want to be here (in the postseason)," Dwyer said.

The Hornets will play again on Thursday at 7 p.m. against Brigham Young University at Hornet Gym. The Hornets will then play at Northern Arizona University Saturday.

CSUS Student
ATHLETE of the WEEK

Naomi Ennis, Soccer

Senior midfielder Naomi Ennis helped lead the Sacramento State soccer team to a 2-1 Big Sky Conference victory over Northern Arizona on October 14th. Ennis scored the game-winning goal in the 87th minute as the Hornets won their third-straight conference game. The Conewango, N.Y., native also recorded an assist in the team's 2-0 win over Eastern Washington on September 21st. A kinesiology major with a 3.77 gpa, Ennis had recorded one goal and two assists through October 18th. The Hornets will continue their quest for a conference title when they travel to Weber State on October 26th.



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State Hornet PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Camron Mbewa
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On Saturday, Mbewa, a sophomore, showed why Sacramento State's football team has a legitimate shot at winning the Big Sky Conference title in years to come. Against Eastern Washington University, the Big Sky's most prolific offense, Mbewa racked up a team-high 14.5 tackles, and also made his presence felt on special teams with a blocked punt which he returned for a touchdown. His score put the Hornets up 21-0 in the second quarter.

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Hornets lose in OT

■ **FOOTBALL:** From page B1

Washington.

The Hornets have dropped their last four games, a streak which hasn't been repeated since 1998, as the Eagles remain undefeated at 6-0 at Fred Anderson Field.

The Hornets' playoff hopes took a shot with their record now at 2-5 overall (1-4 against Big Sky opponents).

Sac State started off the game with Leadingham passing and fullback Kendall Riley rushing all over the field, as the two led the Hornets in taking a commanding 21-0 lead.

Riley pounded the ball on the ground averaging, over five yards a carry with a total of 21 rushes for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

More impressively, the Hornet defense, led by defensive back Camron Mbewa with 14.5 tackles and a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown, shut down the Eagles' No. 1 ranked Big Sky offense until midway through the second quarter.

With 5:18 left in the second quarter, the Eagles turned the tide, scoring 21 unanswered points to close out the half.

Their offense was led by Jesse Chatman's Eastern Washington record-breaking 298 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 39 carries. He scored the game's final touchdown on a one-yard scamper.

The Hornets temporarily regained the momentum with Derard Barton, who finished with 66 yards, rushing in from a yard out placing the Hornets on top, 28-21.

Chatman took over, adding to his attack scoring on a 23-yard run and then from a yard out giving his team its first lead of the game.

On forth and goal for the Hornets, Riley pounced the ball in from a yard out — the forth of five one yard touchdown runs from both teams — to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, each team was given one drive that began on the opponent's 25-yard line, and Eastern Washington received the ball first. Maintaining their efficient ground attack, the Eagle drive was led by Chatman, who finished the drive with a one-yard touchdown run.

The extra point was good, but the Hornets committed a penalty and were called for roughing the kicker.

With the extra 15 yards tacked on against the Hornets' ensuing drive, Sac State was forced to start from the 40-yard line. The penalty evidently hurt the Hornets, as they failed to score on the fourth down.

Even though the Hornets put up 35 points, coach Volek wasn't happy with the offense.

"We're not where we need to be on offense," Volek said.

That is because the Hornet defense scored one touchdown and picked off an Eagle pass inside the Eagles' 40-yard line that led to another touchdown.

"We need to muster up points on a consistent basis," Riley said. "We're a young team that will keep on getting better."

The Hornets will next host University of California, Davis, in the 48th Causeway Classic. The grudge match will take place Saturday at 6:05 p.m. at Fred Anderson Field.



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Hornet runningback Derard Barton attempts to break a tackle as center Terence Wagner closes in

Xtreme dance team

■ **DANCE:** From page B1

arrival. "Our team is bonded and it's a lot of fun."

Chilcutt, a graduate of Sac State in 1992, is a dancer herself. While at Sac State, she was involved in Dale Scholl's dance company, Jazz Works, as well as the student company, Jazzy. Chilcutt was also a Kings dancer from 1990-93, as well as an instructor for United Spirit Association.

Since taking over the dance team, she has been trying to give the 13-member team a fresh start, including a new approach to performances.

"This is the first year where we are trying to do a more collegiate performance," Chilcutt said. "(The fans) can see the difference."

The dance members not only devote time to practice twice a week, three hours each time, but some dancers perform for dance companies as well.

But what does it take to get out in front of crowds and perform?

According to Chilcutt, the dancers do it because they are artists, and given the chance to perform, they will do it.

"We have girls who dance for different companies," Chilcutt said. "A lot of girls teach dance. It's all about the love of the art of dance."

What about the feeling that is experienced when performing in front of crowds?

"It's kind of a rush. We love it," senior Tiffany Jensen said.

Silva said, "You get a rush at first. It's a lot of fun once you get going."

Starting in February, not only will the Xtreme Dance Team be performing at home sporting events, but it will begin participating in competitions.

The team will take part in Nationals, which will be held in Las Vegas, Nev.

Just like a sports team, this dance team must devote a lot of time and practice into the routines.

"It's very demanding. We devote a lot of time. It's a lot of work," junior Victoria Gonzales said.

Until then, get ready to see a lot more of the Xtreme Dance Team when basketball season starts.

"We will be doing a lot more routines during basketball," Chilcutt said. "You will see a lot more of us."

Gambling a problem in NCAA

■ **LIMA:** From page B1

a test in the morning.

This is not intended to be a full, formal assault on the gambling industry. I myself occasionally gamble and have no problems with it. Just keep it exclusive to the professional athlete and the green felt.

There are plenty of other things to bet on in the sports world.

Leave the MTV watching, five-dollar-in-the-pocket having student out of your wagering.

My favorite argument against the banishment of college athletic wagering is the one that claims that if college athletics were banned from casinos, there would be unregulated underground black market gambling rings.

Well, in this case unregulated is a euphemism for untaxed, and local state governments couldn't have that.

And as far as underground rings, that sounds much better than above-ground rings that have the power to manipulate poor student-athletes.

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Bench, Mbewa shine in defeat

■ **HORNETS:** From page B1

Volek's offensive fine-tuning gave other players an opportunity to play, therefore giving the team an opportunity to pull off an unlikely victory against the favored Eagles.

Mbewa, a sophomore, accumulated 14.5 tackles, a blocked punt that he returned for a touchdown.

Mbewa's first career touchdown placed the Hornets ahead 21-0 in the first half.

The Hornets' first three touchdowns came from three different players who all scored their first touchdowns of their careers.

Mbewa was a defensive threat to the Eagles' offense. He ended an Eagle drive toward the ending of the fourth quarter to help put the game into overtime with a leveling hit to force Eastern Washington to punt.

Again, in overtime, Mbewa stopped the Eagles from scoring on a second down with a hit that sent Eagles running back Jesse Chatman literally flying backward. However, the Eagles managed to score on the next play from a yard out to conclude in the final score, 42-35.

Also contributing was Sac State freshman place kicker, Bret LeVier, who kicked the extra points Saturday night for his first points in a Hornet uniform.

Even though the Hornets lost the game, many Hornet players can look back at this game as the turning point in their respective careers and in Sac State's season.

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